CLAIMS

We claim:

1   1. A method for browsing a set of linked web pages, comprising the steps of:

2   detecting scrolling output;

3   responsive to the scrolling output, determining a URL of a web page; and

4   accessing the web page by a web browser.

    2. The method of claim 1, wherein the scrolling output is from a scroll mouse.

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1   3. A method for using a scroll mouse to browse a set of linked web pages, comprising the steps

2   of:

3   displaying a source page that is a member of a set of linked web pages;

4   detecting scrolling output of a scroll mouse while the source page is displayed;

5   determining a sense of direction of the scrolling output;

6   responsive to the sense of direction, determining a URL associated with a destination

7   page that is a member of the set of linked web pages; and

8   accessing the destination web page by a web browser.

1   4. The method of claim 3, wherein the scroll mouse includes a scroll wheel.

1   5. The method of claim 3, wherein the set of linked pages includes an on-line catalog.

1   6. The method of claim 3, wherein the set of linked pages includes a search list provided by an

2   Internet search engine.

1   7. The method of claim 3, wherein the set of linked pages is identified by a set of URLs held in

2   web browser memory.

1   8. The method of claim 3, wherein the URL is associated with a next button of the source page

2   when the sense of direction is forward and the URL is associated with a previous button of the

3   source page when the sense of direction is backward.

1   9. The method of claim 3, wherein the URL is associated with a forward button of a web

2   browser when the sense of direction is forward and the URL is associated with a back button of

3   the web browser when the sense of direction is backward.

1   10. The method of claim 3, wherein the URL is the URL associated with a next button of the

2   source page.

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1   11. The method of claim 3, wherein the URL is the URL associated with a previous button of

2   the source page.

1   12. The method of claim 3, wherein the URL is the URL associated with a forward button of the

2   web browser.

13. The method of claim 3, wherein the URL is the URL associated with a back button of the

web browser.

14. Programmable media containing programmable software for browsing of a set of linked web

pages, comprising the steps of:

3   detecting scrolling output;

4   responsive to the scrolling output, determining a URL of a web page; and

5   accessing the web page with a web browser.

1   15. The programmable media containing programmable software of claim 14, wherein the

2   scrolling output is from a scroll mouse.

1   16. Programmable media containing programmable software for browsing of a set of linked web

2   pages using a scroll mouse, comprising the steps of:

3   displaying a source page that is a member of a set of linked web pages;

4   detecting scrolling output generated by a scroll mouse while the source page is displayed;

5   determining a sense of direction of the scrolling output;

6   responsive to the sense of direction, determining a URL associated with a destination

7   page that is a member of the set of linked web pages; and

8   accessing the destination web page.

1   17. The programmable media containing programmable software of claim 16, wherein the scroll

2   mouse includes a scroll wheel.

1   18. The programmable media containing programmable software of claim 16, wherein the set of

2   linked pages includes an on-line catalog.

1   19. The programmable media containing programmable software of claim 16, wherein the set of

2   linked pages includes a search list provided by an Internet search engine.

1   20. The programmable media containing programmable software of claim 16, wherein the set of

2   linked pages is identified by a set of URLs held in web browser memory.

1   21. The programmable media containing programmable software of claim 16, wherein the URL

2   is associated with a next button of the source page when the sense of direction is forward and the

3   URL is associated with a previous button of the source page when the sense of direction is

4   backward.

1   22. The programmable media containing programmable software of claim 16, wherein the URL

2   is associated with a forward button of a web browser when the sense of direction is forward and

3   the URL is associated with a back button of the web browser when the sense of direction is

4   backward.

1   23. The programmable media containing programmable software of claim 16, wherein the URL

2   is the URL associated with a next button of the source page.

1   24. The programmable media containing programmable software of claim 16, wherein the URL

2   is the URL associated with a previous button of the source page.

1   25. The programmable media containing programmable software of claim 16, wherein the URL

2   is the URL associated with a forward button of the web browser.

1   26. The programmable media containing programmable software of claim 16, wherein the URL

2   is the URL associated with a back button of the web browser.